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**FYI** 

Kerry Degregorio with U.S. Senator Blunt's Office (314) 725-4484 called this morning for an update on Bridgeton Landfill. She said she attended a community meeting about 1 ½ to 2 weeks ago and that Matt LaVanchy with the Pattonville Fire Protection Dist. made some statements during the meeting that caught her attention.

- 1) He indicated he had some questions for EPA regarding whether the West Lake Landfill OU1 Area 1 has ever had temperatures > 160 °F in the waste mass.
- 2) He also talked about the heat front around the neck area of the Bridgeton Landfill

Kerry said she followed up with EPA about the West Lake Landfill statement that Matt made and found that EPA had no record of temperatures > 160 °F in West Lake Landfill OU 1 Area 1 and that they also said that there are no temperature probes in Area 1. She asked what my thoughts were and also asked about the status of the smoldering event. I explained that I believed Matt was asking his question about the temperature in OU1 Area 1 as he wanted to make sure there was no reaction activity occurring. I explained the physical differences in OU1 Area 1 and the Bridgeton Landfill and how those differences would affect temperatures in the waste mass (i.e. a very deep quarry landfill compared to a small shallow area fill). I then provided Kerry an update on the current status of the reaction and the work that is occurring on the Bridgeton Landfill related to the capping and removal of the frac tanks. She asked whether we were intending to hold a presentation on our comment letter related to the North Quarry Contingency Plan Part 1 and I explained that we were not as we are expecting several more work

plans over the next few weeks that we will need to review and comment on quickly (i.e. Part 2 of the North Quarry Contingency Plan and work plans related the gas collection system and the leachate management system). She indicated that our reviews should take priority. She then mentioned that the Senator is pushing for the "best" solution for EPA to take related to West Lake Landfill. She explained that he understands there are pluses and minuses to all options and that he has voiced to EPA staff that he is looking for the best one and that he will then push to make sure that plan is implemented. She said, she appreciated my time and we then concluded the call.

Let me know if anyone has questions.
Thanks
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